9.	Mining & Quarrying	38	21
10.	Non-Ferrous Metal	424	1187
11.	Paper	599	2205
12.	Sugar	786	1771
13.	Textile	1884	5161
14.	Sub-Total (1 to 13)	12572	44578
15.	Other Industries	1360	3776
	TOTAL (14 to 15)	13932	48354

Central power project in North East States

1146. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central power projects which have been sanctioned but not started yet in the North East States;

(b) the reasons for delay in starting these projects; and

(c) the funds sanctioned and released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Only one central sector power project in North East States *viz.* Loktak Down Stream HEP (3×30 MW) in District Tamenlong of Manipur which was accorded Government approval has not been taken up for active project work. This project was accorded Government approval on 30.12.1999 for execution by NHPC at an estimated cost of Rs.578.72 crore for commissioning by June, 2006. However, active work could not be taken up in the project on account of security consideration and problems in land acquisition. The State Government has been requested to firm up all the requisite arrangements urgently so that work could commence by 1.10.2001 on road construction.

(c) The approved allocation for this project during 2000-2001 was

Rs.25.0 crore. An expenditure of Rs.13.99 crore has been incurred upto March, 2001.

Hirma Power Project in Orissa

1147. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of Hirma Power Project in Orissa has been slowed down on account of coal supply; and

(b) if so, the action taken to negotiate with the Coal India Limited for the uninterrupted supply of Coal for timely completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Standing Linkage Committee (Long term) of the Ministry of Coal, in its meeting held on December 15, 2000, granted a coal linkage of 22.4 million tonnes per annum from the Kulda and Garjanbahal coalfields of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) to the 6×660 MW Hirma Thermal Power Project in Orissa being promoted by M/s. Mirant Asia Pacific Ltd. [earlier known as M/s. Southern Energy Asia Pacific Limited (SEAP), [Hong Kong] and Reliance Power Ltd. There has been some slippage in the schedule for negotiation of the Fuel Supply Agreement for the project due to rejection of forest clearance for the Kulda mines. The promoters of the project are in negotiation with MCL for expeditious implementation of the mining projects.

Construction of Hydel Power Projects in the country

†1148. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign capital investment has been allowed in power generation sector in the country during the last decade or so;

(b) if so, when a decision to this effect was taken;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.